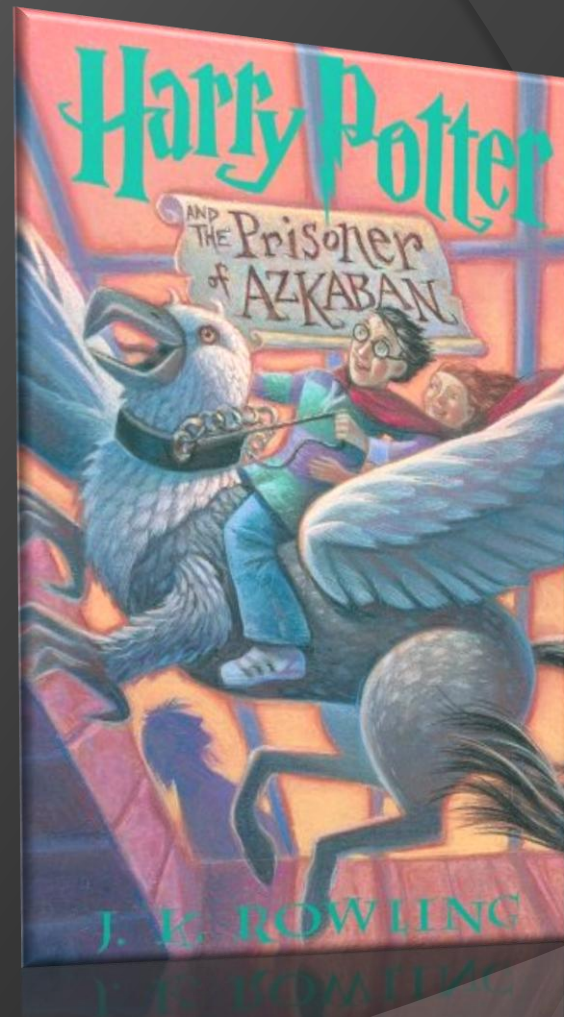


THEMES
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SYMBOLISM



2 Main Themes

- ◎ Importance of Loyalty and Friendship
 - Harry, Hermione, Ron
 - Sirius, Peter, Remus, James
 - Animagus / looking out for each other
 - Sirius, Peter and the Potters
 - “I would have died...” (Sirius to Peter)
- ◎ Injustices of the Legal System: Standing up for the innocent
 - Draco, Lucius, the Committee, Buckbeak
 - Sirius’s “crime”
 - Unjust punishment

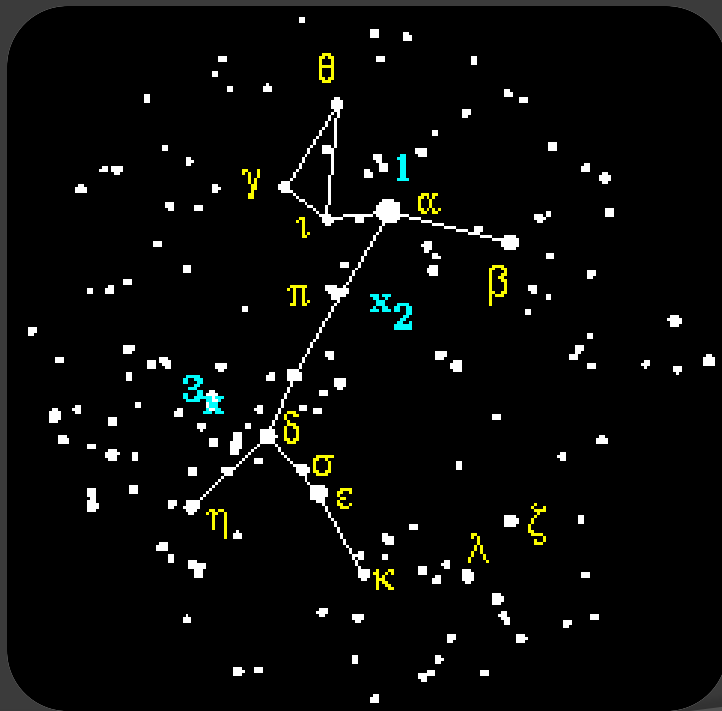
1 Central Motif

◎ Framing

- Constant plotting of one guilty person / animal / creature after another... then proving each's innocence...
 - Sirius's murders
 - Buckbeak's attack on Draco
 - Crookshanks eating Scabbers
 - Notion of Snape poisoning Lupin for his job

Symbolism

- Sirius Black
 - Black Wolf Dog (Padfoot)
 - Sirius – Brightest star in Canis Major, Big Dog, constellation

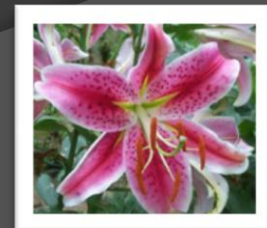


- Remus Lupin
 - Remus
 - Cofounder (with twin Romulus) of Rome, left to die, saved by a wolf
 - Lupin
 - Lupus – Latin for wolf

- Petunia – Flower, anger and resentment



- Lily – Flower, innocence



Symbolism

◎ Crabbe and Goyle

- Grab and Coil
 - What snakes do

◎ Albus Dumbledore

- Albus – Latin for white
 - White = good
- Dumbledore – English for bumblebee

◎ Lucius and Draco Malfoy

- Lucius – Lucifer
- Draco – Dragon
- Malfoy – root “mal” means bad
 - Mal Foi – Bad Faith in French

Symbolism

○ Gryffindor

- Griffin – French for half eagle-half lion
- Griffins represent Christ



○ Slytherin

- Mascot is a snake
 - Natural enemy of Griffins
 - Snakes and basilisks represent Satan



Gryffindors and Slytherins:
Natural Enemies

Symbolism

- Hippogriff
 - From Ancient Greece and Medieval Legends
 - Half horse / half eagle
 - Symbol of Love



Symbolism

◉ Minerva McGonagall

- Minerva – Roman Goddess of Wisdom and War
 - McGonagall
 - Deputy Headmistress
 - Wages war on Voldemort and Death Eaters in The Deathly Hallows (book 7)

◉ Padfoot

- Fictional animal from British folklore
- Extremely large, black wolf-dog
- Glowing eyes
- Associated with death



Symbolism

- ◎ Peter Pettigrew

- Pet-I-Grew

- ◎ Quidditch

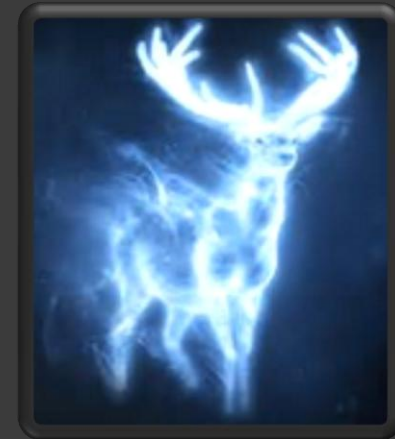
- Qaffle, Bludger, Snitch

- ◎ Expecto Patronum

- Latin for “Expect a Protector”

- ◎ Avada Kadarva

- Aramaic phrase meaning “destroy the thing”
 - Aramaic = Extremely old language, believed to be the language of Christ

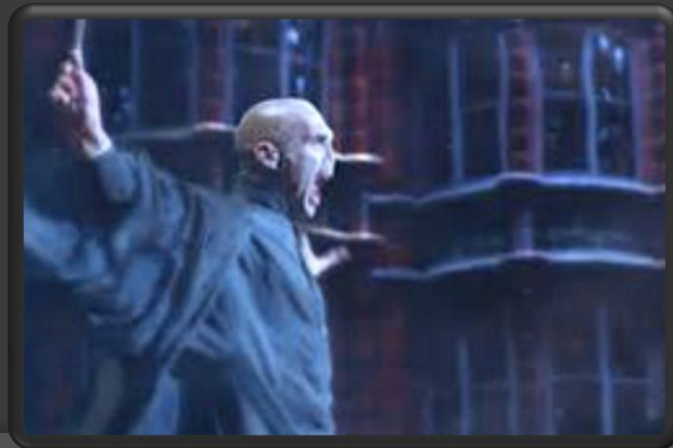


Symbolism

- ◎ Severus Snape
 - Severus – Latin for Harsh
 - Snape – Means to hurt someone



- ◎ Voldemort
 - French phrase “Vol De Mort” means flight from death



Symbolism

- ◎ Azkaban Prison: Representative of Alcatraz Prison
 - Most famous secure Federal Prison in American history
 - Located on Alcatraz Island, surrounded by harsh waters
 - Housed many of the worst criminals in American history

Alcatraz



Azkaban

